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**NONPROVISIONAL PATENT
APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL RULE §1.53(b)
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Docket No. 32011-168503

Date: December 15, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a nonprovisional patent application:

For (Title): SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE MANUFACTURING
METHOD

By (Inventors): Toyokazu SAKATA and Hidenori INUI

- ☒ 49 pages of Specification/Claims 1-19/Abstract are attached.
☒ Formal drawings (Fig. 1-20; 19 sheets) is attached.
☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney will be filed at a later.
☒ An assignment of the invention will be filed at a later.
☐ An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith, along with form PTO-1449, and reference.
☐ A Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27 is filed herewith.
☐ A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.
☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. ___, filed ___--
☒ Priority of foreign application Nos. 356196/1999 filed December 15, 2000 and 345616/2000 filed November 13, 2000 in JAPAN is claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).
☒ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application will be filed at a later.
The filing fee is calculated below and includes claim status after entry of any Preliminary Amendment noted above:

FOR:	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA
BASIC FEE		
TOTAL CLAIMS	19 - 20	= 0
INDEP CLAIMS	8 - 3	= 5
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SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	FEE
	\$ 345
x 9 =	\$
x 39 =	\$
+130 =	\$
TOTAL	\$

LARGE ENTITY	
RATE	FEE
	\$ 710
x 18	\$
x 80	\$ 400
+260	\$
TOTAL	\$1,110

- ☒ A check in the amount of **\$1,110.00** is attached hereto. Except as otherwise noted herein, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be required to complete this filing, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 22-0261.
- ☐ This application is entitled to small entity status. DO NOT charge large entity fees to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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